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MARVIN KALB, CBS RADIO, LONDON: IN LONDON THIS MORNING KISSINGER GAVE BRITISH PM WILSON A BLEAK REPORT ON CAMBODIA, CONCEDING THAT CAMBODIA IS NOT A VITAL INTEREST OF THE U.S. BUT STATING THAT IT WAS A VITAL TEST OF AMERICAN CREDIBILITY. ON THE FLIGHT HERE HAK HELPED DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH REFINING THE EVACUATION PROCEDURES FOR AMERICANS SHOULD THE CAPITAL FALL TO THE COMMUNISTS. NO HIGH OFFICIAL IS MAKING ANY PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE IMMINENT FALL OF CAMBODIA TO THE KHMER ROUGE, THE COMMUNIST-LED INSURGENTS, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT THE OFFICIAL MOOD ON HAK'S PLANE IS QUITE STARK. IT IS THE BELIEF HERE THAT UNLESS CONGRESS APPROPRIATES ADDITIONAL AID FOR CAMBODIA THE REGIME WILL FALL WITHIN A MATTER OF DAYS, WEEKS AT MOST.

NBC EVENING TELEVISION, CHANCELLOR: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER STOPPED OFF IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, TODAY TO DIS-
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CUSS THE CYPRUS SITUATION WITH THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER.

THEN KISSINGER FLEW ON TO EGYPT, TO BEGIN ONE OF THE MOST

DIFFICULT DIPLOMATIC TASKS HE HAS YET FACED -- GETTING A NEW WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT WITHOUT FURTHER ANGERING SYRIA, WHICH WANTS ISRAEL TO LEAVE ALL OF THE GOLAN HEIGHTS.

CBS EVENING NEWS: NO MENTION OF HAK TRIP.

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AP -- SCHWEID FROM BRUSSELS WROTE THAT HAK HEADED INTO ELEVENTH MIDDLE EAST MISSION "AMID QUESTIONS WHETHER HIS CHANCES OF SUCCESS WERE DIMINISHED BY THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA RAID IN TEL AVIV." A LATER SCHWEID STORY SAID HAK'S MEETING WITH BITSIOS WAS AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE CYPRUS CRISIS AND "LIMIT THE DAMAGE IT HAS DONE TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE". QUOTED HAK THAT "U.S. WILL DO ITS BEST TO FACILITATE A SOLUTION BUT IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER FOR THE U.S. TO IMPOSE ITS OWN VIEWS".

UPI FROM BRUSSELS SAID HAK FLEW TO EGYPT FRIDAY ON WHAT IS EXPECTED BE "TOUGH MARATHON SHUTTLE MISSION" FOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. HAK, STORY SAID, MET BITSIOS IN BRUSSELS, EN ROUTE, IN ATTEMPT TO GET TALKS STARTED AGAIN ON CYPRUS QUESTION. BOTH MEN SAID THEY WOULD MEET AGAIN LATER DURING CURRENT HAK MISSION AND HOPED AT THAT TIME TO REPORT, AS HAK PUT IT, "SOME SPECIFIC STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN" TOWARD RESUMPTION CYPRUS TALKS. UPI ADDED HAK SAID ALSO HE "EXPECTED" TO MEET SOON WITH ESENBEL, WITH SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAYING MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE AFTER MARCH 15. UPI SAID HAK MEANWHILE PLANS SEND HARTMAN TO ANKARA "TO REPORT TO TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON HIS (HAK'S) TALKS WITH BITSIOS". STORY SAID HAK'S LONDON TALKS WITH WILSON INCLUDED CYPRUS.

UPI CONCLUDED: "A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID KISSINGER AND SADAT WOULD SEEK TO CRYSTALIZE THE IDEAS THEY DISCUSSED LAST MONTH FOR A SECOND-STAGE AGREEMENT... UNCLASSIFIED

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KISSINGER THEN HOPES TO TAKE SADAT'S PROPOSALS TO ISRAEL SUNDAY, STOPPING ON THE WAY IN DAMASCUS TO TRY TO BLUNT THE OPPOSITION OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD TO ANY SEPARATE EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT WITH THE ISRAELIS."

AN EARLIER UPI FROM BRUSSELS QUOTED BITSIOS THAT HE EXPECTED "SOME PROGRESS" BY THE TIME HE SEES HAK AGAIN BUT THAT "NO SPECTACULAR RESULTS COULD BE EXPECTED".

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